

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process ~~displaying prior to transmission for the display of~~ transmission costs in the transmission of Internet data or on-line data by a services/information provider to a subscriber, including:

prior to a pending transfer of data, transferring a protocol element (9) by the services/information provider (6) to the subscriber's terminal unit (4), wherein the protocol element contains an indication of the pending volume of data;

recognizing the protocol element (9) at one or more transit nodes of the telecommunications networks (3, 4, 5) that are involved in the transmission;

supplementing as needed the protocol element (9) by a partial cost based on a transmission through the one or more transit nodes; wherein the supplementing step is performed by the one or more transit nodes;

evaluating the protocol element (9) at the subscriber's terminal unit (4) to determine the value of a pending transmission;

displaying ~~the~~ a total of pending transmission costs at the subscriber's terminal unit (4) via browser software to the subscriber, said; and

~~displaying, with the browser software displaying,~~ a menu (10) enabling such that the subscriber to institutes the transmission of the data or refuses the transmission of data based on the total of pending transmission costs.

2. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the protocol element (9) includes one or more price-relevant criteria selected from a group consisting of: quality of service; priority of transmission, routing instructions; price group; contractual comment; degrees of security; and an indication of the sender.

3. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein evaluating at the subscriber's terminal unit includes calculating the total of pending transmission costs based on the protocol element {9}-via calculating means that are configured with the browser software.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 4, wherein the menu {10} includes menu points to initiate transfer options at the subscriber's terminal unit-{1}, wherein said transfer options are selected from a group consisting of: direct transmission; disruption of the transmission; transmission cost options; and data storage.
6. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, further including indicating with the protocol element {9}-prior to data transmission an option of electing to receive the data.
7. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 1, further including providing a means for programming to the subscriber, wherein the means for programming provides for automatically confirming transmission demands.
8. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, further including:
setting either a data limit or a cost limit at the subscriber's terminal unit-{4};
automatically transferring the data limit or the cost limit from the subscriber's terminal unit {4}-to the service/information provider-{6}; and
automatically transferring a confirmation/denial option of the pending transmission from the service/information provider {6}-to the subscriber's terminal unit {4}-for all data deliveries above said data or cost limits.
9. (Cancelled)